



BUILDING-STRUCTURE INVENTORY FORM

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UNIQUE SITE NO. _____
QUAD _____
SERIES _____
NEG. NO. _____

YOUR NAME: Cynthia Howk DATE: Dec., 1994.
133 S. Fitzhugh St.

YOUR ADDRESS: Rochester, NY 14608 TELEPHONE: 546-7029

ORGANIZATION (if any): The Landmark Society of Western New York, Inc.

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME(S): _____
2. COUNTY: Monroe TOWN/CITY: Greece VILLAGE: ---
3. STREET LOCATION: 3343 Dewey Avenue
4. OWNERSHIP: a. public ☐ b. private ☒
5. PRESENT OWNER: Tina & Paul Getman ADDRESS: (same) Rochester, NY 14616
6. USE: Original: residence Present: residence
7. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: Exterior visible from public road: Yes ☒ No ☐
Interior accessible: Explain private residence

DESCRIPTION

8. BUILDING MATERIAL: a. clapboard ☒ b. stone ☐ c. brick ☐ d. board and batten ☐
e. cobblestone ☐ f. shingles ☐ g. stucco ☐ other: Asphalt shingle roof. Foundation not visible.
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM: (if known) a. wood frame with interlocking joints ☒
b. wood frame with light members ☐
c. masonry load bearing walls ☐
d. metal (explain) _____
e. other _____
10. CONDITION: a. excellent ☒ b. good ☐ c. fair ☐ d. deteriorated ☐
11. INTEGRITY: a. original site ☒ b. moved ☐ if so, when? _____
c. list major alterations and dates (if known): _____

(see continuation sheet)

12. PHOTO:

13. MAP:

"This is a simple house, and 'though it's virtually without 'style,' it still has a lot of charm & is a period piece. It is a nice design composition and a nice site with mature trees. This is certainly a 'green plus' for the nice setting and so forth." P.Malo

COLOR CODE

Green plus 

14. THREATS TO BUILDING: a. none known ☒ b. zoning ☐ c. roads ☐
d. developers ☐ e. deterioration ☐
f. other: _____
15. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS AND PROPERTY:
a. barn ☐ b. carriage house ☐ c. garage ☒
d. privy ☐ e. shed ☐ f. greenhouse ☐
g. shop ☐ h. gardens ☐
i. landscape features: deciduous trees.
j. other: _____
16. SURROUNDINGS OF THE BUILDING (check more than one if necessary):
a. open land ☐ b. woodland ☐
c. scattered buildings ☐
d. densely built-up ☒ e. commercial ☐
f. industrial ☐ g. residential ☒
h. other: _____
17. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS:
(Indicate if building or structure is in an historic district)

(see continuation sheet)

18. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING AND SITE (including interior features if known):

(see continuation sheet)

SIGNIFICANCE

19. DATE OF INITIAL CONSTRUCTION: c. 1852
ARCHITECT: not determined
BUILDER: not determined
20. HISTORICAL AND ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE:
(see continuation sheet)

21. SOURCES: (see continuation sheet)

22. THEME: residential

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The front east porch appears to be an early-1900s addition. It has square wood posts and a solid, wood-shingled knee wall.

The exterior brick chimney on the north elevation (main 2-story section) appears to be a mid-20th century addition. This north elevation also has a contemporary octagonal window and two small square (early-20th century?) windows.

The present shutters appear to date from the mid/late 20th century. (It is possible that the house originally had similar wood shutters when constructed).

The garage is of 20th-century construction.

17. This residence is situated on the west side of Dewey Avenue in the northeast quadrant of the town. A driveway is to the south of the house. The frame, 20th-century garage is located to the southwest of the house. The property has a number of mature, deciduous trees. The neighborhood consists primarily of early and mid 20th-century houses. The campus of St. Joseph's Villa is located across the street to the east.

18. This mid 19th-century house consists of three principle sections, all clad with wood clapboards. The main front section is a 2-story, 3-bay building with a gabled roof. Fenestration is symmetrical, with mostly 6/1 double-hung windows. The north elevation includes a 20th-century brick chimney, two small, square 20th-century windows and a contemporary octagonal window. The front porch appears to date from the early 20th-century and includes square posts and wood-shingled knee wall.

The smaller, 2-story middle section with east-west gable, includes a 19th-century brick chimney (center of the roof ridgeline), as well as smaller 1/1 and larger 6/1 double-hung windows. An open, shed-roof porch with two turned, wood posts (late 19th-century?) is located on the south elevation.

The southwest (rear) 1-1/2 story section includes several 6/1 double-hung windows and a gabled roof.

The 6/1 windows on this house appear to date from the early

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20th-century.

The contributing frame garage is located southwest of the house. A contemporary wide-board, wood fence is located between the house and the garage.

20. Built c. 1852, this house is architecturally significant to the town of Greece as an example of early/mid-19th century, vernacular residential architecture. The house retains a high degree of historic design and materials. Located in a neighborhood of principally early 20th-century development, it is a rare surviving example of an early/mid 19th-century residence in this part of the community.

Architecturally, this house is a distinctive example of the early/mid 19th-century vernacular design of houses, characterized by simple massing, materials and detailing. The form of this residence - 2-story, 3-bay main section with smaller middle and rear sections to the west - is a building form common to much of the early and middle 19th century. There are some details - size, materials, massing - that resemble the Federal style of architecture, popular from the 1780s to the 1830s. The most notable Federal-style house in the town is the Newcomb Home at 400 Kirk Road, with which this house shares a number of characteristics, 'though in a simplified form.

As with many 19th-century buildings, this house has had a number of changes that are now old enough (50+ years) to be considered part of the historic design of this residence. These include the open, side porch with turned posts (c. 1880s-1900), the 6/1 windows (early 20th-century) and the open front porch with square posts (early 20th-century?).

The design of this house suggests a possible construction date of anywhere from the 1820s to the 1850s. The house first appears on the 1852 county map and the name "J.Montgomery" is shown as the owner. At the time, this area was mostly open, undeveloped land with only a scattering of buildings. The 1872 map also shows a building on this site and lists "E.Vaness" as owner. Both Dewey Avenue and Dorsey Road are shown on the map, but no street names are listed.

Edward Vaness (1808-1889) was in England and immigrated to the U.S. in 1842. He settled in Greece with his wife,

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Charlotte (1817-1901). Their first home was a log cabin on Buckman Road farm which was sold in 1866. They bought this home and farm on Dewey Ave. beyond the N.Y. Central station at Barnard. As Edward and Charlotte's family grew, he remodeled the house to suit their needs. The 1855 census shows interesting data about the family (see attached). There were 12 children born between 1840 and 1861.

The 1902 county map shows "Edward Vaness Heirs" as owners of this site. Located on lot 241, the house is part of a 84.5-acre property owned by the Vaness heirs. There is also a small building shown just to the northwest of this site on Dorsey Road (unnamed) that is owned by Isaac Vaness (b. 1851), a son of Edward. The area, however, is still mostly undeveloped.

The 1924 map shows that suburban development was occurring in this neighborhood. Brookridge Road (to the south) is laid out, the west side of Dewey is now subdivided into numbered, suburban-sized building lots and the block is listed as "Brook-Ridge 18." This house is shown on lot #12; 5 other empty lots are situated on this west side of Dewey Ave. between Brookridge and Dorsey Roads. The streets extending west off of Dewey Ave. are divided into lots, but no houses have yet been built.

The 1930 suburban directory lists Frank L. and Amelia Coddington at this address; he worked at Kodak Park. The 1959 map shows this site with the house and a garage at the southwest corner of the lot, which is 218'-deep. There are two houses to the south, but no houses to the north (between #3343 and Dorsey Rd.).

21. See final report for bibliography.

FAMILY RECORD OF THE

He came fr. England + his FAMILY

Birth date 06 Sept 1808

Birth place _____

Death date 30 Aug 1889

Burial place _____

Military service: _____

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Edward N. VANESS

Full name of husband

Birth date 10 Dec. 1817

Birth place _____

Death date 06 Dec 1901

Burial place _____

Date of immigration 1842

Charlotte

Full name of wife with maiden name

Other spouses

Marriage date _____

Place _____

#	Sex	CHILDREN Full Name	Birth			Death			Marriage to	Date
			Day	Mo	Year	Day	Mo	Year		
1	M	Edward	20	Apr	1840	not listed on			1855 census	
2	F	Charlotte	07	Mar	1841	"	"	"	"	
3	F	Mary A.	15	Mar	1843	09	Apr	1910	David Croft	
4	M	Frederick W.	29	Jul	1845	not listed on			1855 census must have died before 1870	
5	M	William Albert	30	Oct	1846			1922	Margaret Brooks	
6	F	Elizabeth	13	Jul	1848	not listed on			1855 census must have died before 7 yrs old	
7	M	Isaac C.	19	Mar	1851				Martha Ferguson	
8	M	John	08	Apr	1853	not listed on			1855 census must have died before 3 yrs old	
9	F	Sarah Jane	06	Feb	1855	01	Mar	1943	John Simpson	
10	F	Orpha L.	24	Feb	1857				Thomas H. Allen	
11	M	Thomas George	19	Jan	1859	27	Dec	1933	Emma	
12	F	Rose E.	07	Apr	1861				Frank Utter	
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Husband (notes)

Wife (notes)

Husband's Father

Wife's Father

Husband's Mother

Wife's Mother

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